

### In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled)
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6. (canceled)
7. (twice amended) A method of using a portable stand for a fire extinguisher that has components including a case for holding the fire extinguisher, a pylon, and a base having a central opening, the method comprising the steps of:  
assembling the stand by
  - i) attaching the pylon to the base,
  - ii) attaching the case to the pylon, and
  - iii) placing the fire extinguisher inside thecase;  
displaying the stand at a work site;

disassembling the stand; and  
storing the components.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The method of using a portable stand for a fire extinguisher as recited in claim 7 &, wherein the step of attaching the pylon to the base comprises inserting the top of the pylon upwardly through the central opening of the base.

10. (Original) The method of using a portable stand for a fire extinguisher as recited in claim 9, wherein the step of disassembling the stand comprises the steps of:

removing the fire extinguisher from the case;  
detaching the case from the pylon; and  
separating the base from the pylon.

11. (Original) The method of using a portable stand for a fire extinguisher as recited in claim 10, wherein the step of storing the components comprises the steps of:

placing the pylon on top of another pylon of the same type; and

placing the base on top of another base of the same type.